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## Corps of Engineers restoring jetty at Ocean City

**Baltimore** – A \$3,980,350 project to restore the south jetty at Ocean City, Md., managed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District, is now underway.

Part of the Ocean City Harbor and Inlet project, the work will restore approximately 1,100 feet of the outer leg of the south jetty to preserve its hydraulic function of protecting the federally maintained channel in the Ocean City Inlet.

The jetty helps to keep the waterway from the coastal bays to the Atlantic Ocean open by flushing sand from the channel back into the ocean. Rock will be delivered to the project site by barge and all work will be accomplished from the water.

The inlet was formed by a severe storm in 1933. The Corps of Engineers constructed jetties in 1934 to protect the waterway, which is used for waterborne commerce and recreational interests. Since constructed, the jetty has required occasional maintenance. The last major repair to the jetty was done in the early 1980s.

All aspects of the project have undergone a thorough review to ensure there will be no significant negative impact to the environment.

The contractor for the project is Weeks Marine, of Cranford, N.J. The jetty project is fully funded by the federal government. Local partners, Worcester County and the Town of Ocean City, are providing easements and land use to accomplish the work.

The work is not required to be finished until the summer of 2003, but Corps officials expect it to be completed by fall 2002.

For more information on the project, visit

[http://www.nab.usace.mil/projects/Maryland/OC\\_SinepuxentBay/FactSheet.pdf](http://www.nab.usace.mil/projects/Maryland/OC_SinepuxentBay/FactSheet.pdf).